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National Kidney Awareness Month

March is National Kidney Awareness month.

The National Kidney Foundation is the leading organization in the U.S. dedicated to the awareness, prevention, and treatment of kidney disease for hundreds of thousands of healthcare professionals, millions of patients and their families, and tens of millions of Americans at risk.

Kidneys play a vital role in removing toxins from the body. On a daily basis Kidneys filter 200 liters of blood, help regulate blood pressure, and direct red blood cell production. But they are also prone to disease; 1 in 3 Americans is at risk for kidney disease due to diabetes, high blood pressure or a family history of kidney failure. There are more than 26 million Americans who already have kidney disease, and most don't know it because there are often no symptoms until the disease has progressed.

I, THEREFORE, MOVE that the Board of Supervisors declare the month of March 2014 as Kidney Awareness month in Los Angeles County.

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